



# Reverence

**Psalm 34:11-14 NIV**

## **Scripture: Psalm 34:11-14 NIV**

11 Come, my children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Whoever of you loves life

and desires to see many good days,

13 keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from telling lies.

14 Turn from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

# **What is Reverence?**

Reverence is to treat someone with intense respect and honor.

Who do you reverence/who do you treat  
with intense respect and honor?

# Note

- How you reverence someone is how you truly feel about them.

**To reverence someone means you exhibit a sense of :**

- Respect
- Hold in high esteem.
- Willingly celebrate.
- Praise when necessary.

**Psalm 34:11-** David says, “I will teach you how to reverence/honor the Lord.”

- David addresses a group of young people on this subject.
- This lesson is not only good for the young but for this lesson is excellent for all of us.
- The church of God must learn how to respect and honor God with our ways and actions.

Please note the requirement here in V.11 is to simply *listen*.

- Sometimes our biggest problem is *listening*.



- Listen to hear what's being taught.
- Listen to hear what's being said.
- Listen to hear so you can understand.

Are you listening or are you turning a deaf ear to the teacher?

God is always desiring us to listen to him.

**What are we listening for?**

- A. The voice of God.
- B. The direction from God.
- C. Instruction from God.
- D. Information from God that will give us peace.
- E. Encouragement from God that will give us motivation.

**Psalm 34:12** sets the stage for us to obtain exactly what we need from God.

David helps us in **Psalm 34:12-14** in obtaining our best life:

**If you love life and if you desire to have a lot of good days, this is what you must do:**

**A. Keep your tongue from speaking evil.**

**James 1:26 ESV**

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If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

## **What is Bridle?**

A way of governing what you say. A  
bridle was used to control a horse.



**Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:10 ESV**

For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

- This verse is like **Psalm 34:13-14** and it speaks to us on a similar level.
- The requirement to obtain good days and to keep on loving life is to control the tongue.



# Scripture: James 3:8 ESV

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

**B. Keep your tongue from speaking evil.**

Exodus 20: 16 CEV:

16 Do not tell lies about others.

- Stop lying about stuff.
- Everybody has lied at some point in their life.
- Stop telling untruths about people just to make your life appear better than someone else.

# Question

Who have you lied on just to satisfy your own inner demon?

**C. Turn from evil and do good.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:22 CEV:**

**22 and don't have anything to do with evil.**

- Reverse your current course on how you treat others.
- You can't avoid every kind of evil, but we can work hard at not giving the devil an opportunity to slip in.
- Doing good requires us to work at avoiding temptational situations and hard at obeying God.

D. Seek *PEACE* and *PURSUE* it.

John 16:33 CEV:

33 I have told you this, so that you might have peace in your hearts because of me. While you are in the world, you will have to suffer. But cheer up! I have defeated the world.[a]

- Peace **does not** come without us working on it.
- You will have tribulation in life and therefore you must work towards the peace you need.